

HARDY PLANT SOCIETY WORCESTERSHIRE GROUP

SATURDAY 13TH JANUARY 2024

TAMSIN WESTHORPE – PREPARING FOR A PERFECT SPRING



Tamsin Westhorpe is an experienced horticultural journalist and author, RHS Chelsea Flower Show Judge, podcaster and lecturer. After editing The English Garden magazine for many years Tamsin is now curator and gardener at Stockton Bury Gardens in Herefordshire.

Having started her horticultural career at the age of 17, spending time as a parks gardener and greenskeeper she is passionate about being hands on in the garden. Her aim is to demystify gardening and help people gain in confidence whilst having great fun.

In Preparing For A Perfect Spring, Tamsin will highlight her favourite plants for the Spring garden and share practical tips on the tasks which need to be carried out now to have your best Spring ever.



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SATURDAY 10TH FEBRUARY 2024

STEPHEN ANDERTON – MY FAVOURITE GARDENS



Following his delightful talk about the life of Christopher Lloyd at Great Dixter we have invited Stephen back to tell us all about his favourite gardens; Ninfa, Great Dixter, Jardin Plume, the Laskett and the Ridler.

Join us as we explore with Stephen, a handful of truly remarkable gardens which appeal to him for their romance, history, planting detail, for the personalities that made them and for the way these gardens have managed to create such a delightful and individual atmosphere.



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SATURDAY 9TH MARCH 2024

MANDY BRADSHAW THE CHATTY GARDENER - BEYOND THE GARDEN GATE



Gardening and writing have been life-long passions for Mandy Bradshaw. Mandy crafts entertaining articles on gardens, conducts interviews with passionate growers and reviews the best new products and gardening books. She was crowned Gardening Journalist of the Year in 2018 and was a finalist in Blog / Vlog of the Year in 2022 at the Garden Media Guild Awards. She is active on X (formerly Twitter), Facebook, Threads and Instagram.

Beyond The Garden Gate looks at some of Mandy's favourite Cotswold gardens and the story behind their creation.



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SATURDAY 13TH APRIL 2024

LIAM BEDDALL (DAVID AUSTIN ROSES) – ROSES & COMPANION PLANTING



Which garden plant delivers a wide range of fragrance types, several flushes throughout the season, characterful shape, beautiful blooms and an incredibly diverse colour palette. It has to be the rose; the nation's favourite flower.

As the gardening mindset moves away from Victorian bedding schemes and looks to include roses as flowering shrubs in mixed plantings, Liam will highlight how roses can perform in mixed borders, the use of the rose for colour, form, fragrance and structure and walk through interesting ways to use roses in the garden setting.

Liam Beddall is Senior Rose Consultant at David Austin Roses working closely with garden designers, landscapers and public-facing spaces enabling them to include roses in a wide-range of garden schemes. Liam advises on projects of all sizes throughout the UK and has a thorough understanding of how the rose fits into multiple garden settings. His passion for the genus focuses on not only right rose for right place, but practicality. His talk promises to provide lots of take home ideas and a long wish list of roses to use in your own garden.



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SATURDAY 11TH MAY 2024

ADVOLLY RICHMOND – A SHORT HISTORY OF FLOWERS; THE STORIES THAT MAKE OUR GARDENS



Every plant has a story. If you have ever wondered where your favourite garden flowers came from or how their names were derived and why some plants fall out of favour you are in for a treat !

Combining her passions of plants and history and using selected examples from her new book, Advolly will bring to life tales of the plants and the plant hunters who discovered and cultivated some of our favourite species. From exotic bougainvillea to the humble snowdrop, these are the stories of the plants which make our gardens

Advolly Richmond is a plant, garden and social historian based in Shropshire. She is a Champion for the Royal Botanic Gardens Kew and a member of the Garden Media Guild. She lectures and writes on a variety of subjects from the 16th century through to the early 20th century.



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HARDY PLANT SOCIETY WORCESTERSHIRE GROUP

SATURDAY 8TH JUNE 2024

ANNUAL PLANT SALE



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-  Shrubs
-  Vegetables
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Knowledgeable local nurserymen

Plus ! The Connoisseurs Table - a selection of rare or unusual plants which require more expertise or TLC to grow successfully.

2pm - 4pm Saturday 8th June 2024

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SATURDAY 13TH JULY 2024

RAZVAN CHISU – PLANTS & CASTLES OF TRANSYLVANIA



Join us as we journey through a land of legends which boasts an amazingly diverse flora including woodlanders, meadow flowers and high mountain alpines.

Răzvan Chișu is a horticulturalist, writer, lecturer, wildlife tour leader, former magazine editor for the Saxifrage Society and currently Social Media Manager for the Alpine Garden Society.

Growing up in a Transylvanian town surrounded by vast woodlands and species-rich wildlife meadows has heavily influenced Răzvan's design and maintenance of gardens.

A keen plant propagator and botanist Răzvan's interests range from alpine plants and bulbs, succulents, fruit and heirloom vegetables, ferns and orchids, to perennials, shrubs and trees.



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SATURDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER 2024

JANE PORTER – PLANTING DESIGN FOR RHS CHELSEA SHOW GARDENS



Jane Porter is a multi-award winning garden designer based in Bristol. In 2021 she graduated with Distinction from the Planting Design Diploma at the London College of Garden Design in 2021 and won ‘Prize for Best Project.’

In May 2022 Jane won a Gold medal at RHS Chelsea Flower Show and the ‘Best in Category’ award for the *Still Garden* – a Scottish container garden. Jane designed a new garden for RHS Chelsea 2023 in the All About Plants category; The Choose Love Garden won a Silver-Gilt medal and has successfully been relocated to Good Food Matters, a community garden and kitchen project delivering nutritious produce and healthy cookery in Croydon.

After a first career as an Arts Producer Jane retrained in Horticulture in 2016 and now works on residential and public projects in London, the South West and Scotland. Jane also provides online consultations to clients nationally. Jane has a passion for arts and heritage sites having worked on projects at Hospitalfield Artist Residency Site in Arbroath, Bristol Museums and most recently she re-designed the planting for the newly refurbished Royal West of England Academy in Bristol.



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HARDY PLANT SOCIETY WORCESTERSHIRE GROUP CELEBRITY LECTURE

SATURDAY 12TH OCTOBER 2024

MARK GREGORY - DESIGNING & BUILDING A CHELSEA SHOW GARDEN

As a designer, constructor, lecturer, mentor, judge, ambassador and managing director, Mark Gregory has been at the forefront of horticulture and landscaping for 35 years.

Educated at Askham Bryan Horticultural College, trained at RHS Wisley, a Fellow of the Landscape Institute and a Chartered Landscape Architect. Mark has spent his life designing and creating gardens. In 2023 he was awarded the RHS Associate Of Honour, an award held for life which recognises his unique distinguished service to the practice of horticulture during his career. In 2022 Mark was the recipient of the Pearson Memorial Medal for outstanding service to the garden industry and also became the RHS Ambassador for Landscapers. In 2017 and again in 2022 was voted Most Influential Person in the garden and landscape industry by his peers.



Mark has built more RHS show gardens and received more medals than any other constructor. He hasn't missed a Chelsea Flower Show since he started in 1989. Even when Covid cancelled the 2020 show, Mark was awarded Garden Of The Decade for his 2018 Welcome To Yorkshire Garden which captured a slice of Wensleydale. This design celebrated Yorkshire's stunning scenery, natural materials, traditional crafts and artisan food production; quintessential buttercup meadows and rich flora set on the edge of a woodland, a tumbling beck running past a stone bothy into soft pastures. Who can forget his audacious 2019 design which incorporated a pair of canal lock gates, a lock keeper's lodge with private garden and vegetable patch with a towpath running next to a perennial meadow.

For RHS Chelsea 2023 Mark created his most complex build; The Savills Garden which invited us into an intimate walled sanctuary with an abundance of beautiful ornamental and edible planting. At the heart of the garden was a working kitchen and adjoining dining area where Chelsea Pensioners were invited every day to enjoy lunch prepared with ingredients from the potager and walled garden - a true 'plot to plate' experience.

There is more to come. Join us to find out what Mark has in store for RHS Chelsea 2025 !



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SATURDAY 9TH NOVEMBER 2024

JOFF ELPHICK – A CRAYFISH ON THE LAWN ... & OTHER GARDENING STORIES

Joff studied horticulture at Pershore College in Worcestershire and is an experienced horticulturalist having gardened at some of the most famous locations in the Cotswolds. A freelance writer and public speaker, Joff is the host of the Pot & Cloche garden podcast

Joff's tales of plants, people and natural histories has been updated for 2024.



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SATURDAY 7TH DECEMBER 2024

WILDSIDE – THE STORY OF A GARDEN



Image Courtesy Of Garden Masterclass Wildside Film

Keith & Ros Wiley spent 19 years creating one of the most innovative and inspiring gardens in the UK.

Presented by renowned plantsman Keith Wiley, this beautiful film documents the evolution of a landscape which combines artistic vision with an acute understanding of ecological horticulture.



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